SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Do the Government give any subsidy to the Hindi Prachar Sabha for running this course?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, a stipend of Rs. 18 is given to each of the trainees. We also give some grants to the institution.

House-rent allowance to teachers

* 47 *Q.*—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state, with reference to Legislative Council Starred Question No. 9 answered on 2nd July 1957, whether any decision has since been taken to grant house-rent allowance to teachers in aided secondary institutions in the State?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes, Sir. The Government have decided to defer the proposal on account of the heavy commitment by way of expenditure that a grant from the State Funds towards such an allowance would involve.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Government kindly consider this now at least when they are spending thirty crores of rupees under the Five-Year Plan every year?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Sir, this year's quota has already been allotted to the teachers and an increase of Rs. 5 in their salaries has been given. I am trying to do something at least, every year.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : As this benefit of Rs. 5 is to reach all the teachers who have already been getting the house-rent allowance and those who have been denied the same, will the Government see that no discrimination is made between one teacher and another, especially when the Government have been saying that they have sympathy for the teachers and when there is talk of equal pay for equal work and similar pay for similar work and all those things?

3-10 p.m. THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : This should not be taken as want of sympathy.

SRI MOHAMED RAZA KHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education tell us whether he has done something for them in his financial proposals which he must have finalised by this time?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : He should wait for that and see. But I have already stated that this year's quota has already been exhausted.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Chair kindly allow a half-hour debate on this question as it affects a large number of teachers?

MR. CHAIRMAN : No. Next question.